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REF: (A) STATE 148575 (B) TREASURY OSAA TELEX 610, MAY 27
(C) USREP/JECOR TELEX 1009, JULY 26

1. I CONSIDER JOINT SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH PROJECT DISCUSSED
WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD IN MAY AN IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING OF
TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH
SAG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. REF C REPORTS RECENT INQUIRY FROM SAUDI JOINT COMMISSION
COORDINATOR AL-TURKI ABOUT STATUS OF U.S. PREPARATIONS FOR
PROJECT. REF B STATED THAT AS OF MAY 27 A DRAFT JOINT
COMMISSION PROJECT AGREEMENT WAS BEING CIRCULATED AMONG
POTENTIAL ACTION AGENCIES FOR CLEARANCE, AND REF A OF
JUNE 25 GIVES FURTHER STATUS AND ASKED US NOT TO RAISE
THE SUBJECT WITH THE SAUDIS. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING
FURTHER.

3. RE FUNDING, BOTH THE CROWN PRINCE AND ABA AL-KHAIL
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HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS STATING THAT THE PROGRAM WILL
PROCEED ON THE BASIS THAT THERE IS JOINT FINANCING--M
THAT THE U.S. INTENDS TO PROVIDE \$50 MILLION IN A
MATCHING CONTRIBUTION (SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO CON-
GRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS). WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS
WOULD COVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. DR. AL-TURKI (REF C)
SPECIFICALLY INQUIRED ABOUT THE \$50 MILLION MATCHING

CONTRIBUTION.

4. I HOPE WASHINGTON CAN SOON PROVIDE AS DEFINITIVE
A RESPONSE AS POSSIBLE TO CONVEY TO THE SAUDIS ON THE
SUBSTANCE OF PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT AND ON
U.S. WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS.
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